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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to lower on all sizes throughout the country. The market tone was steady at best to barely steady. Demand was mixed; light to instances good, mostly moderate, with best interest usually noted for the scattered feature activity. Supplies of jumbo eggs were close, and the extra large sizes were mostly adequate to occasionally tight. In the North Central region, supplies of the lighter weights were adequate to close at times, however, elsewhere the large and smaller sizes were at least adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, in addition, availability of lighter weight product was in a closer balance but still offered at attractive price levels. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current processors' needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, extra large and large prices were unchanged to 8 cents lower and mediums were unchanged to 4.5 cents lower. In Boston, extra large prices were unchanged to 6 cents lower, large prices were unchanged to 5 cents lower, and unchanged for mediums.

Prices were unchanged New England. The market tone was steady at best. Demand slightly improved and ranged light to moderate, best where items were featured. Supplies were close for jumbo, adequate for extra large, readily available for large, and adequate to available for other sizes. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for breakers current needs. Light type hens were ample for slaughter requirements.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was no better than steady and attempting to settle. Demand was fair to fairly good, best where featured. Supplies were readily available for the larger sizes and adequate to available for the balance of sizes.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 6 to 8 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged to 3 cents lower for the smaller sizes. Producer prices in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices to retailers in Chicago were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to occasionally good and best into the Chicago area where limited features stimulated the best interest. Food service movement was moderate to good. Supplies were tight to adequate for the larger sizes and in close balance to available for the lighter weights. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings of additional heavy weight product were about adequate with graded lighter weight product in close balance but still being sought at attractive prices. Trade sentiment steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand mostly moderate, instances good and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies for jumbo and extra large tight to closely balanced, large and lighter weights mixed, but mostly adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower on the medium and larger sizes, elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand was generally fair to moderate entering the week, and increased feature activity was noted in some areas. Supplies of jumbo eggs were usually in close balance, however, the balance of sizes were adequate to available. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending August 13, 1999, was 66.82 cents, 14 cents lower than the week before, and 8.59 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate for current needs. Spent hen availability was fully sufficient for immediate slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, 9 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small in California, 6 cents lower on the large sizes, unchanged on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California down 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 3%. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover features. Offerings ample.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	98-100	88-90	50-52
New York	66-68	63-66	35-38
Philadelphia	64-68.5	62-66.5	34-35
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	56-57	54.5-56	27-28
Jackson (1)	70-71	63-64	36-37
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-76	60-74	33-47
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	54-59	53-58	26-31
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	22-25
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-58.5	51-57	23-28
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-66	53-60	26-33
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	75-77	68-71	39-42
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	94	83	64
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, 9 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 44. Ads in Northern California: large dozen 79-149, medium dozen 79.

**PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	120
EXTRA LARGE	94
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	64

**PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	179-205	MEDIUM	149-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 20, 1999 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 13, 1999 were 251,969 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	213,580	38,389	251,969

% change from the prior week..... +2 +4 +3  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings of additional heavy nest runs were about adequate with graded lighter weight product in close balance but still being purchased at attractive prices. Trade sentiment steady.  
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-34	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-20	19

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority prices were unchanged to sharply lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Undertone was cautiously steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-AUG-99

	RANGE	WTD
	CENTS/LB. MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-17 12-17	13.67

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were lower when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate and steadily increasing offerings on spent heavy fowl. Seasonal reductions in flock sizes forced processors to increase kills at most plants. Finished sales were slow with available product easily covering any need. Trade sentiment was weak.

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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-AUG-99

	RANGE	WTD
	CENTS/LB. MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19 14-16	15.88

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Aug 16, 1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.5	8.2	2.0	6.6	6.9 28.2
	Change	0.7	2.9	-0.7	-1.0	0.3 8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.2	27.8	7.6	17.5	21.8 98.9
	Change	1.2	12.8	0.2	0.7	3.6 23%
Large	Curr Wk	44.4	60.1	43.5	57.8	88.2 294.0
	Change	-1.2	9.9	-3.1	3.9	-5.5 1%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.9	23.0	18.1	34.0	18.6 107.6
	Change	-2.2	-14.5	-0.8	0.3	-2.3 -15%
Small	Curr Wk	9.7	7.5	3.2	9.6	5.5 35.5
	Change	-2.8	-3.0	-0.1	-3.0	-0.8 -21%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	10.4	11.6	10.8	4.4 43.2
	Change	0.9	1.2	2.3	-1.1	-0.1 8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.4	55.8	11.7	22.7	66.5 185.1
	Change	-0.3	15.8	-4.5	-4.9	0.6 4%
Total	Curr Wk	131.1	192.8	97.7	159.0	211.9 792.5
Percent	Change	-3%	15%	-6%	-3%	-2% 1%
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Number of		
		Cases	Change	Cooperators		
Shell Egg		792.5	1%	168		
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		489.6	9%	38		
Total Shell Egg		1282.1	4%	206		

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 02, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 02, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	125	125	115	75

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/13/99

**CURRENT LOADS** 18.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 17.00 **TOTAL LOADS** 35.25

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	41.00	41.50	—	—	—	—	7.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	40.60	47.00	—	—	—	48.75	4.75		
GL W XL	—	—	46.50	48.00	42.50	—	5.50	GL W LG	39.00	43.00	—	—	—	—	.50		
GL W LG	—	—	42.00	44.00	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	22.00	22.00	—	—	—	27.50	3.00		
GL W MD	—	—	14.25	16.00	—	—	5.50	NRBS - 36	10.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W SM	—	—	12.00	17.00	—	—	2.00										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	19.00	23.50	1.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	13.00	1.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/09/99 - 08/13/99

**CURRENT LOADS** 110.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 48.50 **TOTAL LOADS** 158.75

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	42.00	40.58	45.50	43.00	—	—	29.50	GNR W 1	—	40.22	—	—	—	—	—	10.50	
GNR W 3	—	—	19.50	19.00	28.50	28.50	4.50	GNR W 3	—	15.00	—	—	—	—	—	.50	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	19.50	21.00	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	54.17	55.33	—	—	4.00	GL W XL	40.68	43.29	—	—	—	—	48.84	9.00	
GL W XL	43.00	45.56	49.60	50.32	44.70	43.00	18.00	GL W LG	35.00	39.00	—	—	—	—	43.00	2.75	
GL W LG	35.00	42.17	44.00	46.00	40.50	—	10.25	GL W MD	21.07	22.60	—	—	—	—	26.18	15.50	
GL W MD	17.00	19.00	16.30	17.68	17.25	19.00	27.00	GL W SM	—	16.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W SM	—	—	12.50	15.94	12.00	—	9.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	42.50	—	—	—	1.00	
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 36	10.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	32.00	33.50	21.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	19.00	23.50	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	15.00	1.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	7.00	13.22	6.50										

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 8/1/99 - 8/7/99**

Origin																
State	AZ	CO	IN	IA	MI	MN	MO	NV	NH	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	-	-	-	888	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,263	-	875	1,872	-	4,898
C. CA	-	-	-	4,050	-	2,195	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,785	2,100	-	10,130
S. CA	930	4,957	810	9,275	2,500	3,260	6,642	180	815	8,805	-	1,360	1,560	-	576	41,670
TTL STATE	930	4,957	810	14,213	2,500	5,455	6,642	180	815	8,805	1,263	1,360	4,220	3,972	576	56,698

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	79-82	69-72	31-34	8-11

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
59-62	50-56	48-53	20-25	11-15

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-36	15-17	4-6

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78.72	45.40	31.85

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	8/9/99	8/2/99	8/17/98
PACIFIC COAST	302	302	26
LOS ANGELES	253	253	26

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR

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